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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: W. Lin |
| WILLIAM SIMPSON-YOUNG, et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2154 |
| Application No.: 09/836,163 |) | |
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| Filed: April 18, 2001 |) | |
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| For: TRANSPARENT |) | |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS | : | |
| SYSTEM AND APPARATUS |) | September 15, 2004 |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

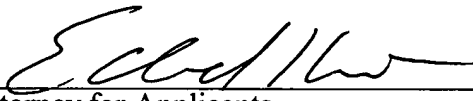
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 16, 2004,
Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 17 and 37. The Restriction Requirement is, however, traversed.

Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining each of the three groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes it clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the instant case, Groups I, II and III are not so distinct as to require examination in different applications since, as alleged in the Office Action, they are all related as sub-combinations of one another. Accordingly, it is believed that there would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims in a single application since it is believed that a search of art relevant to one group would necessarily encompass the others.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested, and an action on the merits for all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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